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SUBJ: GOE AFFIRMS DESIRE FOR POSITIVE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH  
US; DENIES REPORTED CIA ANALYSIS OF INTERNAL MILITARY  
REVALRIES

1. FEBRUARY 16TH'S EL COMERCIO PRINTED A STORY FROM THE SAN DIEGO UNION (NO DATE GIVEN) REPORTING THAT THE CIA HAD INFORMED THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE FISHING BOAT SEIZURES WAS INTERNAL RIVALRY BETWEEN THE ECUADOREAN NAVY AND ARMY, AND POWER STRUGGLES WITHIN THE ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT. THE COMERCIO ARTICLE QUOTES THE SAN DIEGO UNION QUOTING THE CIA REPORT AS SAYING THAT THE SEIZURES "PLAY AN IMPORTANT DOMESTIC ROLE IN ECUADOR, REFLECTING THE RIVALRY BETWEEN THE NAVY AND ARMY. THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCES OF THIS REVALRY ARE FISHING AND PETROLEUM POLICY, WHICH WERE UNTIL LAST OCTOBER UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE AMBITIOUS ADMIRAL GUSTAVO JARRIN, IN HIS FORMER POSITION AS MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES. THE PRESIDENT (OF ECUADOR, GUILLERMO RODRIGUEZ LARA), AN ARMY GENERAL, REPLACED JARRIN WITH A LESS BRILLIANT (AMBITIOUS) MAN, AND RECENTLY DESIGNATED ANOTHER ARMY OFFICER AS GOVERNOR OF GUAYAS PROVINCE, TRADITIONALLY A NAVY POSITION. THE ECUADOREAN  
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NAVY IS ALSO FRUSTRATED BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT HAS SPENT

A GREAT DEAL ON MATERIAL FOR THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE, WHILE THE NAVY FLEET REMAINS ANTIQUATED AND BARELY SEAWORTHY. THE CIA REPORT CONCLUDED THAT THE NAVY WAS LIKELY TO CONTINUE FEELING LEFT OUT."

2. IN A JOINT STATEMENT PUT OUT IN TIME TO MAKE THE MONDAY (FEBRUARY 175#) MORNING NEWSPAPERS, THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND NATIONAL DEFENSE DENOUNCED THE PUBLICATION IN SAN DIEGO OF "MALICIOUS LIES" ATTRIBUTED TO THE CIA, REJECTED THE IDEA OF RIVALRY BETWEEN ECUADOREAN MILITARY SERVICES AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FISHING BOAT SEIZURES, AND WENT ON, VERY INTERESTINGLY, TO SAY THAT "THE BOATS WHICH HAVE BEEN FINED ARE ONLY THOSE WHOSE INTERESTS ARE DEFENDED BY MR. AUGUST FELANDO IN HIS ATTEMPT TO PROVOKE SITUATIONS OF CONFLICT WHICH CAN DO NOTHING BUT DAMAGE THE POSITIVE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WHICH THE GOVERNMENTS OF ECUADOR AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WISH TO MAINTAIN. THE PROOF OF THIS IS THAT MANY OTHER AMERICAN FISHING BOATS HAVE PURCHASED ECUADOREAN LICENSES IN ORDER TO FISH OFF OUR COAST."

3. COMMENT: TWO THINGS OF INTEREST HERE. FIRST IS THAT THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND NATIONAL DEFENSE JOINTLY ISSUED A PRESS REBUTTAL, OVER A WEEKEND, DENOUNCING THE PUBLICATION OF "MALICIOUS LIES" INTENDED TO DAMAGE "THE POSITIVE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WHICH BOTH GOVERNMENTS WISH TO MAINTAIN." THUS THE GOE ACTED SWIFTLY TO REAFFIRM ITS INTENTIONS TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE TONE IN OUR RELATIONS, IN THE FACE OF A STORY WHICH COULD HAVE VERY EASILY BEEN TWISTED FOR OTHER PURPOSES HAD THEY BEEN OF A MIND TO DO SO. THEY OBVIOUSLY DID NOT. AND SECONDLY, THE ALLEGED CIA REPORT OBTAINED BY THE SAN DIEGO UNION FROM FELANDO IS STRONGLY REMINISCENT OF AN ANALYSIS PRINTED IN ONE OF THAT AGENCY'S RECENT WEEKLY SUMMARIES.

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